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SUBJECT: CURRENT US THINKING ON MIDDLE EAST: ISRAELI PRESS REPORT

ACCORDING TO MAY 18 MAARIV COMMENTARY BY HARIF, SECRETARY SUGGESTED TO EBAN MAY 10 THAT ISRAEL CONSIDER MAKING GENERAL DECLARATION TO EGYPT (OMITTING ANY CONCRETE PROPOSALS) IN ORDER TO HELP SADAT START DIALOGUE. HARIF TAKES TO TASK ISRAELI CRITICS OF MAY 10 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON A PHASED EGYPTIAN- ISRAELI SETTLEMENT, SAYING EVEN IF THIS WAS USG- INSPIRED PIECE, ITS THRUST IS APPEALING TO GOI. HARIF ADDS GOI IN MOOD TO EXAMINE ALL SUCH IDEAS BECAUSE IT IS CONFIDENT IN PRESIDENT NIXON' S ADHERENCE TO PRINCIPLE THAT NO MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT CAN BE IMPOSED. IN MAY 10 SESSION SECRETARY AND EBAN AGREED, ACCORDING TO HARIF, THAT FORTHCOMING UNSC MUST NOT ALTER RES 242 OR CREATE NEW MACHINERY, AND GOI DOUBTS EGYPT WILL PRESS FOR UNSC RES CONTRADICTING US VIEWPOINT BECAUSE OF CAIRO' S REALIZATION IT NEEDS US ROLE IN SETTLEMENT. HARIF CONCLUDES US IS LIKELY TO WORK FOR BREAKTHROUGH FOLLOWING ISRAELI ELECTIONS AND SPECULATES US MAY PURSUE IDEA OF LONG
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TERM LEASE BY EGYPT TO ISRAEL OF SINAI AREAS OVER WHICH
ISRAEL WANTS CONTROL.
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